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Dear Prof Watson

I mail you ~~in~~ ^{Enclosed} ~~in newspaper~~ today, a grass, and a fern that I have spent considerable time over as they would offer themselves, in the last two or three years. I never could find any the grass (which I got in the east) was *Bromus Tectorum*. L. but I think it nearest that of anything. Am I right? The fern, (the slender one) I cannot get to anything, unless it is *Woodsia obtusa*, Torr, and I cannot get it to *Woodsia*, because I cannot in this, or any other specimen, I ever had, detect the slightest sign of, a lobed, or any other kind of an indusium, even with a good microscope. Neither can I see on it any hairs, glandular or other, trace. If it is not a *Woodsia*, I have no idea what it is, for the sori are roundish, and it certainly is not a *Phacopteris* (*without indusium*) nor is it **"*indusium viduat*". It might be ***"*indusium obscurum*" only it is not ovoclea. So I am forced to *Woodsia*, and I can't find any indusium. What is it? I also enclose a second fern, small, but with a brown frond that I think must be a small form of *Aspidium spinulosum*, is it not? Perhaps, var *dumetorum*

Yours Very Truly

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